

**Georgia State Board of Podiatry Examiners
Minutes of Conference Call Board Meeting
April 29, 2011**

The Georgia State Board of Podiatry Examiners met via conference call on Friday, April 29, 2011, at 1:00 p.m., at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia, for the purpose of conducting Board business.

Board Members Present:

- Dr. Sarvepalli D. Jokhai, Chair
- Dr. William B. Turner, Vice-Chair
- Dr. Richard Mistretta
- Mrs. Judith G. Sanders, Consumer Member

Administrative Staff Present:

- Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
- Amelia Baker, Assistant Attorney General
- Amanda M. Allen, Board Support Specialist
- Serena Gadson, Licensure Supervisor
- Yvonne LeSane, Licensure Analyst

Dr. Jokhai established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

AGENDA:

Approved as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence(s) received between scheduled Board meetings were reviewed and discussed.

- Dr. Christopher Lotufo and Dr. Tom Griffin

Ms. Sanders motioned, Dr. Mistretta seconded, and the Board voted to allow the administrative staff to respond to all correspondences presented to the Board as directed. None opposed, motion carried.

MINUTES:

Ms. Sanders motioned, Dr. Turner seconded, and the Board voted to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2011 meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. Mr. Zimmerman reviewed the revisions to the Frequently Ask Questions with the Board.
 - **Dr. Mistretta motioned, Dr. Turner seconded, and the Board voted to accept the revised "Frequently Asked Questions" as presented. Revisions will be posted on the Board's website. None opposed, motion carried.**

Dr. Turner motioned, Dr. Mistretta seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Executive Director's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

BOARD POLICIES:

Administrative Issuance of Licenses between Board Meetings

The Board voted to appoint Dr. Jokhai as a cognizant for the review of complete applications received and processed between Board meetings; for him to blog (comment) his recommendations; and if approved, the license can be issued and the full Board ratify the issuance during their next scheduled meeting date.

This policy is an effort by the Board to expedite applications received and processed where all the required supplemental documents, verifications and other forms are received. Should any required items missing (not previously identified by staff in processing) be noted by the cognizant reviewer, the applicant will be notified of the deficiency and the license not issued until the complete file is obtained.

Effective 04/29/2011

Dr. Turner motioned, Dr. Mistretta seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Board Policy "Administrative Issuance of Licenses between Board Meetings" as stated above. None opposed, motion carried.

FEDERAL STUDENT LOAN DEFAULT:

- Latanya Patterson-Fyne, POD000619

Dr. Mistretta motioned, Ms. Sanders seconded, and the Board voted to suspend Latanya Patterson-Fyne's license to practice as a Podiatrist, POD000619, effective 30-days from the date of the First Notice Letter of Suspension for nonpayment status or default or breach repayment or service obligation for his/her federal educational loan, service conditional loan repayment program, or service conditional scholarship program. I further move that such suspension shall be STAYED pending an appearance before the board if a request for an appearance is timely received and that this suspension shall be lifted upon receipt of a written release from the federal agency that Latanya Patterson-Fyne is not the person at issue or is making payments on the loan, service conditional loan repayment program, or service conditional program satisfying the payment or service requirements in accordance with an agreement approved by the federal agency. None opposed, motion carried.

RULE DISCUSSION CONTINUED:

The Board will continue to review and discuss their current rules for potential revisions and/or amendments to simplify and clarify their intent. This will be an ongoing agenda item for the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Ms. Sanders motioned, Dr. Mistretta seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (1) (2), O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2-(k) (4), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19 (h) (2) & (4) to receive and review information pertaining to Applications, receive the Attorney General's, Cognizant, and Enforcement Reports.

Voting in favor of the motion were those Board members present: Jokhai, Turner, Mistretta and Sanders.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, April 29, 2011, Dr. Jokhai declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq.

APPLICATIONS:

Dr. Mistretta motioned, Dr. Turner seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants applying for licensure by Application:

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| 1. Cupolo, Erin | Approved for licensure |
| 2. Dawson, Fui | Approved for licensure |
| 3. R.E. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 4. W.H. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 5. Olutunde, Shoniregun | Approved for licensure |
| 6. Robinson, James | Approved for licensure |
| 7. Smith, Sherunda | Approved for licensure |
| 8. R.T. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 9. Tookes, Toddrick | Approved for licensure |

Approved Licensees:

Ms. Sanders motioned, Dr. Mistretta seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the following applications approved between meetings determined to have met licensure requirements as follows:

License No.	Licensee	Issue Date
POD001155	Glover, Michelle Paula	02-01-2011
POD001156	Moon, Jared L.	02-01-2011
POD001157	Woods, Andrew D.	02-01-2011
POD001158	Ray, Thomas Brent	02-01-2011
POD001159	Pearson, Robert Scott	02-01-2011
POD001160	Myers, Carolos Antonio	02-01-2011
POD110061	Himmelsbach, Elizabeth	02/07/2011
POD110062	Johnson, Vann Andre	02-24-2011

COGNIZANT REPORT:

Dr. Turner provided the Board with an updated status on all open complaint cases.

Complaint cases closed:

- POD110013, POD110014

Complaint cases pending an Investigative Interview:

- POD110018, POD110010

Compliant cases pending the receipt of additional information:

- POD110015, POD110016 and POD110017

Ms. Sanders motioned, Dr. Mistretta seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Cognizant report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

ATTORNEY GENERAL REPORT:

No report presented

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Sanders motioned, Dr. Mistretta seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:
Minutes reviewed and edited by:

**Amanda M. Allen, Board Support Specialist
Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director**

Dr. Sarvepalli D. Jokhai, Chair

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

These minutes were signed and approved on: 07-29-2011.